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--The invention relates to an information processing device.--

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the six consecutive paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 23:

--It is an object of the invention to provide a device that is emotionally linked to its owner and triggers feelings of attachment.

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The information processing device according the principals of the present invention includes personalizing means, e.g. a software agent, which monitors the use of the device, i.e. the units of primary information which are being processed and which processing functions of the device are being invoked. From these observations, the personalizing means derive personalizing information which is stored in a non-volatile memory. The personalizing information may include the date of manufacture of the device and the date of acquisition by the owner, the total time of ownership, information about a person from whom a unit of primary information has been acquired, a date or city of the acquisition, a frequency of playing an audio-track, etc. After using the device for some time, the device has built up a history of personalizing information, which is valuable to its owner because it can trigger memories of events the device and the user were involved in during the ownership.

In one illustrative embodiment of the invention, a link is maintained between units of primary information and units of personalizing information which were derived from the use of said primary information. Whenever the primary information is being processed, the user has access to the related personalizing information, triggering memories of events involving the primary information.

In another illustrative embodiment of the invention, the related personalizing information is displayed on a graphical display while the primary information is being processed, e.g. when playing a particular audio track.

In another illustrative embodiment of the invention, personalizing information remains stored in the further storage means, even if the primary information it was derived from is erased from the storage means. The link between the two types of